E85 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting April 27, 2006 @ OEMC - 225 E. 16th Ave., Ste 650, Denver 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Attendees:

Ed Lewis, Senior Deputy Director, OEMC Rob Pearson, Program Manager, OEMC Megan Castle, Communications, OEMC Sara Graf, Asst. Program Manager, OEMC James Geist, Great Western Ethanol Art Hale, Colorado State Fleet Gerry Harrow, Business Financial Manager, Weld County Garage Patrick Hammel, CDPHE Jon Van Bogart, Director of Sales & Mktg Western Region, Clean Fuel USA Jim Kerth, Sales, Kubat Equipment and Service Co. Stacey Simms, Air Quality Manager, American Lung Association Jim Miller - Colorado Dept. of Agriculture Lucy Nolan, Ethanol Management Company John Cevette, Colorado Corn Katrina Reed, Colorado Corn Tim Rehder, EPA

Gerry Harrow, Committee chairperson opened meeting with the reiteration of the Coalition goals which are listed below.

- ~Increase E85 pumps in Colorado (double the number in next 12-18 months)
- ~Promote use of E85 (double the gallons consumed in next 12-18 months)

Ernie Oakes, Department of Energy

~Educate consumers about E85 (including a higher level of understanding of E85 and an understanding of available incentives (retail and fleet)

The Committee introduced the new environmental representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tim Rehder. The Committee continues to look for a small station owner representative to join the Coalition.

Jon Van Bogart, CleanFuelUSA, gave a presentation and an overview on dispensers and components specifically designed for E85 Ethanol and Biodiesel fuels. CleanFuelUSA designs and manufactures E85, Biodiesel, and LPG refueling dispensers.

Jim Kerth, Kubat Equipment and Sales Company, spoke to the group about pump and tank conversion costs for E85.

Rob Pearson, OEMC, explained that the E85 placards will be placed in all of the State Fleet FFVs upon the completion of the accompanying glove box binder. The binders are expected to be completed in the next 2 weeks. The binder will contain maps of the station locations and E85 information.

Megan Castle, Steering Committee Representative, gave an update on the first meeting of the public and dealer awareness subcommittee. Subjects discussed included targeting FFV owners, dealerships, station owners, tactics and strategies to aid the effort. Stacey Simms, American Lung, volunteered to look into the process of having FFV/E85 software created for the purpose of training dealers. Ernie Oakes, DOE, mentioned that DOE and NREL have been working on a dealer training notebook and John Cevette, Colorado Corn, said they have an ethanol education DVD. All of these could be used as E85/FFV educational tools. Another subcommittee was asked to give an update on pump placement, station criteria, cost of pump installation, resources available and owner profitability at the May meeting. Each of the subcommittees will meet before the May meeting.

Stacey Simms announced a grant opportunity available from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies (OFCVT). They are seeking applications for projects covering a range of commercial technology deployment and educational activities under the Clean Cities Transportation Sector Petroleum Reduction Technologies Program. Discussion of this funding opportunity followed. The grant application for this grant can be found at: http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/packages/oppDE-PS26-06NT42770-01-c.

Gerry Harrow brought up an opportunity to involve the E85 Committee to educate the public about E85 at the annual Greeley Stampede event in July. The Committee agreed this would be a valuable way to promote E85 and more information will be presented at the next meeting.

The Coalition has scheduled Rick Eggebrecht, representing VeraSun, to give a presentation at the June 22^{nd} meeting.

The Coalition has decided to meet on the 4th Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held May 25, 2006 from 10 a.m. to Noon at OEMC. OEMC is located at 225 E. 16th Avenue, Ste. 650 in Denver, 80203.